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The Members of the Missouri State Board of Nursing are appointed to administer and interpret the Missouri Nurse Practice Act as it relates to professional and practical nursing. The Board is authorized and empowered to:

- 1) Prescribe minimum curricula and standards for schools of nursing and courses preparing persons to be licensed under the Missouri Nurse Practice Act.
- 2) Provide for surveys of such schools and courses at such time as it may determine.
- 3) Accredite such schools and courses as meet the requirements of the Nurse Practice Act and of the Board.
- 4) Evaluate and approve courses for affiliation.
- 5) Examine, license, and renew the license of duly qualified applicants.
- 6) Conduct hearings upon charges calling for discipline of a licensee or revocation of a license.
- 7) Have power to issue subpoenas, and compel the attendance of witnesses, and administer oaths to persons giving testimony at hearings.
- 8) Cause the prosecution of all persons violating this chapter and have power to incur such necessary expenses therefor.
- 9) Revise rules and regulations not inconsistent with this chapter and the general laws that govern its proceedings.

Since nursing is a learned profession requiring a body of knowledge and skills upon which are based the judgments essential for the practice of the profession, only competent practitioners of professional and practical nursing should be licensed. The Board is charged with the responsibility of administering the act relating to professional and practical nursing in an impartial and unbiased manner, operating within the framework of standards therein provided.

The seven members of the Board are:

Sr. M. Fabian Nutti, R.N., President
Mrs. Alice Henderson, R.N., Secretary-Treasurer
Mrs. Gladys Combs, R.N., Member
Miss Elizabeth McIntosh, R.N., Member
Miss Edna E. Peterson, R.N., Member
Mrs. Alma Van Motre, L.P.N., Member
Mrs. Margaret Riley, L.P.N., Member

LAW ENFORCEMENT

During 1958, there were 2 licenses revoked due to dishonesty, use of habit-forming drugs, and acts derogatory to the morals or standing of those engaged in the care of the sick. In addition, many investigations were completed in regard to individuals posing as professional nurses or using the credentials of Missouri licensees. Again it is urged that all employers of professional nurses see the current Certificate of Registration before employing a nurse. The number of impostors as well as nurses from other states with problems is steadily increasing.

ANNUAL RENEWAL OF LICENSE

1. All Certificates of Registration expire automatically June 30th of each year. Renewal periods run from July 1st of one year to June 30th of the next year.
2. Inactive professional or practical nurses may be reinstated by requesting a renewal application from the State Board of Nursing for completion. Fees cannot be accepted unless accompanied by the proper renewal application. A current Certificate of Registration is issued upon receipt of the completed renewal application and \$2.00 fee. Back fees are not required.

ANNUAL RENEWAL OF LICENSE (Cont'd.)

3. Nurses who are residing out of the state of Missouri are not required to renew their license until their return.
4. Inactive nurses need not renew their license until again employed in Missouri. Processing of renewals does require several days, depending upon the time the renewal is received in our office. For this reason, it is suggested that the licensee take care of the reinstatement of her license well in advance, in order that she might have on hand her current Certificate before she resumes employment.
5. If a licensee does not renew her license, her records are automatically placed in our inactive file in good standing. Renewal notices or certificates are not issued to individuals carried in the inactive file.
6. It is not possible for this Board to acknowledge requests for changes of address on our records; however, the change will appear on the next renewal notice received by the licensee.
7. A change of name cannot be made on our records until the necessary evidence is on file. The licensee must submit a photostatic copy of the marriage certificate, copy of the divorce proceedings, or court order. This evidence of name-change must be retained in the permanent file of the licensee and cannot be returned.
8. Duplicate Certificates of Registration are issued only in the event a change of name occurs, or the original Certificate becomes lost or destroyed. Before such a duplicate Certificate can be issued, however, a request in writing must be on file in the State Board Office.

EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATIONS

Authorizations to practice for a limited period of time are issued only to those individuals who apply for licensure and who are required to make up certain deficiencies in regard to meeting Missouri's minimum requirements for licensure. Such Authorizations may not extend beyond one year in length.

INTERSTATE LICENSURE (Reciprocity)

1. A student who graduates from an accredited school in another state and has written or will write the licensing examination in that particular state, is expected to apply for a Missouri license, by endorsement, prior to accepting employment in Missouri. Evidence of the individual having applied for the examination in another state will be secured by the State Board of Nursing. An Employment Authorization can be issued only upon receipt of the proper completed application for interstate licensure in Missouri. Such individuals are privileged to practice in a hospital or doctor's office under supervision, pending the results of their examination.
2. A nurse licensed in another State is required to apply for a license immediately when she or he accepts employment in Missouri, before arrival in this State, and to complete the requirements promptly. In order to practice professional nursing the nurse must have filed the official application. During the processing of the application, an Employment Authorization can be issued if employment prior to licensure is necessary. The nurse must complete all requirements for the license within one year of date of application or prior to the expiration date of the Employment Authorization issued.

VIOLATIONS

Nurse Practice Act - Chapter 335 - Section 335.020:

"It is unlawful for any person to practice or to offer to practice registered professional nursing or licensed practical nursing in this state for compensation or personal profit, or to use any title, sign, abbreviation, cards, or device to indicate that such person is practicing registered professional nursing or licensed practical nursing unless he has been duly licensed under this chapter."

STATISTICS

Nurses licensed in Missouri:

Professional Nurses.....36,069
Practical Nurses..... 8,298

Annual Renewal (59-60) as of 9/1/59:

Professional Nurses.....11,912
Practical Nurses..... 5,870

Examinations in June:

Professional Nurses..... 82
Practical Nurses..... 137

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Post-Graduate Course in Nursing Care of Premature Infants

For nurses who are interested in a post-graduate course in the care of premature infants, Colorado University offers a four credit course four times a year. This is an intensive four week course for registered professional nurses and consists of lectures, demonstrations, and laboratory periods. For several years the Bureau of Maternal and Child Health of the State Division of Health has given financial assistance to Missouri nurses who were either working with or definitely planning to work with premature infants. In all, 56 nurses have been sent by the Division of Health. This assistance is still available. The Bureau of Maternal and Child Health will pay tuition, travel to and from the University, and a stipend of \$200 for qualified nurses who wish to avail themselves of this opportunity. The classes are quite small but every effort is made to take the nurses at the time most suitable for them and the hospital where they are employed. Any applicants for the course should write to the Bureau of Maternal and Child Health, State Division of Health, Jefferson City, Missouri, for additional information.

NLN Fellowship Program

The National League for Nursing announces continuation of the National League for Nursing Fellowship Program which is made possible by a grant from the Commonwealth Fund. The program has been in existence since 1955 and since that time, a total of 126 fellowships have been awarded. The purpose of the NLN Fellowship Program is to provide funds to subsidize programs of advanced study for nurses of proven ability who show promise of making a highly distinctive contribution to nursing. Fellowships are awarded to qualified applicants irrespective of race, creed, sex, or national origin. Application for fellowships must be made in writing to the National League for Nursing, 10 Columbus Circle, N.Y. 19, N.Y.

NLN Fellowship Program (Cont'd.)

Completed applications, including transcripts from educational institutions attended, must be filed at NLN headquarters before January 15, 1960 for grants to be awarded for study 1960-61; and before January 15, 1961 for grants to be awarded for study 1961-62. Announcement of awards will be made by March 15, each year.

New Program for the Preparation of Teachers of Nursing

The Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing, Cleveland, Ohio will offer a new master's degree program for teachers of nursing. The new program is designed primarily for: (1) the young nurse with limited experience who is interested in becoming a clinical teacher of medical and surgical nursing, and (2) the experienced public health nurse interested in preparation for teaching in a college program. Students will be admitted in June or September. In addition to the new program in Teaching, the master's degree program in Supervision and Administration of Nursing Education and in Administration of Hospital Nursing Service will be continued. Further information concerning these programs and application forms are available by contacting the University Admission Office, Western Reserve University, Cleveland 6, Ohio.

Regional Conferences on Public Health Nursing Services

The Department of Public Health Nursing, NLN, in cooperation with State Leagues for Nursing, State Departments of Health and Member Agencies of DPHN, announces a series of Regional Conferences on Public Health Nursing Services. These Conferences will be held as follows:

Nov. 16-20, 1959 - Williamsburg, Va.
March 31-April 1, 1960 - Boston, Mass.
April 11-14, 1960 - Indianapolis, Ind.

For Registration Forms, please contact the Department of Public Health Nursing, National League for Nursing, 10 Columbus Circle, New York 19, New York.

New Psychiatric Nursing Achievement Test-Form 359

An announcement has been received from the NLN Evaluation Service that a new Psychiatric Nursing Achievement Test, Form 359, will be available as of July 1, 1959, replacing the former Test - Form 155. The new test, will have two sub-scores in addition to the total score, and will be priced at \$1.00 per test per student.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Cont'd.)

Positions Available - Memorial Community Hospital

Positions are now available for professional nurses at the new Memorial Community Hospital. Interested individuals should contact the Director of Nursing Service, Memorial Community Hospital, Jefferson City, Missouri.

Film: "Wanted-Trained Practical Nurses"
(Running Time - 15 minutes)

We have been advised that a film entitled "Wanted-Trained Practical Nurse" is available for Free Loan after October 16. Please send requests to Miss Virginia Dyer, R.N., Supervisor, Practical Nurse Education, Department of Education, Jefferson Building, Jefferson City, Mo.

CURRENT EVENTS

Professional Nurse Examinations - Jefferson City, Missouri:

September 15-16, 22-23, 24-25, 29-30
October 1-2

Practical Nurse Examinations - Jefferson City, Missouri:

October 28-29, 1959

CURRENT EVENTS (Cont'd.)

Special Exam for Irregular First-Time Professional Nurse Students

December 1-2, 1959

Students eligible who failed to complete their course in time to write regularly scheduled September examination. Interested individuals should contact Board of Nursing Office prior to November 15, 1959.

The Missouri League for Nursing Convention, Sheraton-Jefferson Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri

September 30-October 3

Regional Workshop on Practical Nursing sponsored by the National Association for Practical Nurse Education and Service Inc., Sheraton-Jefferson Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri

October 15,16,17,18, 1959